

CONSISTENCY OF GOD'S ATTRIBUTES IN OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Two great attributes of God:

1. Holy
2. Love

Are these two competing impulses within God.....Are God's holiness and God's love in a struggle?

1. Holiness was impressed upon the people of Israel by the death penalty.
2. The Mosaic Law was all based on the principle that to trespass against holiness was the most serious kind of offense a human being could commit.
3. The N. T. seems to be a kinder, gentler testament.
4. O. T. God demands holiness through the Law....we think God is quick-tempered, judgmental, angry and eager to wipe out whomever and whatever displeases God.
5. N. T. God is a picture of Jesus eating with sinners, welcoming children, accepting and forgiving.

The response of two people, one from the O.T. and one from the N. T., who experienced God firsthand:

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Luke 7:36-50.....how would you describe the God that Isaiah and the woman encountered?

God's holiness seen in the O. T. and N. T.:

1. Exodus 26:30-34.....Exodus 20:7.....2 Samuel 6:1-5
2. John 14:6.....Philippians 2:5-11.....Hebrews 10:19-22.....1 Peter 1:13-16

*We are to be holy for our God is holy.

In the O.T. God achieved this through the Law.

In the N.T. God achieved this through Jesus Christ.

The continuity of God's desire for us in the N. T. and O.:

Deuteronomy 6:5.....Matthew 22:34-40.....John 13:34-35

The continuity of God's invitation to us in the N.T. and O.T.:

Joel 2:12-13....Jonah 4:2.....John 3:67....Romans 3:22-24

The continuity of God's care for us in the N.T. and O.T.:

Psalms 23.....Isaiah 40:11.....Matthew 11:28.....John 10:14-15

The continuity of God's relationship with us in the N.T. and O.T.:

Psalms 103:13.....Hosea 2:19-20.....Romans 8:15-16.....Galatians 4:6